

Page 64 is Nebraska Arts Council personal services adjustments again. The Department of Economic Development appearing on page 65 is also personal services adjustment continuing on through to page 69 where the Court of Industrial Relations appears. Again this is only an adjustment in personal service limitations. Next is the Nebraska Commission on Drugs starting on the bottom of page 69 and continuing on page 70 and again this is an adjustment in personal services limitation. The Department of Personnel, there are increases in revolving fund cost. The Department of Personnel and the Merit System are within a single appropriation program or a joint program, I should say, and there were requirements by federal requirements on the Merit System. They add some additional people and that revolving fund increase reflects those additional people that were required. Page 72, the Department of Environmental Control, this again nothing but personal services adjustments. Page 73, Agency 87, Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission did not have a personal service limitation in the bill last session and this adds a personal service limitation there. The next one is the State Department of Education and there are a number of adjustments here that you perhaps want to listen to because there will be some impact from what the committee has recommended. At the bottom of page 74, there are two additions made of general fund money, one of \$393,508 for additional wards of the court. That was legislation that was enacted about four years ago which the state pays the cost for wards of the court if they are assigned to a school district other than the home residence of the individual. The other portion of the increase in that program deals with the school lunch program in the amount of \$160,223 and this is a requirement to continue state matching funds for the school lunch program at the level it is required. The next program appears on the bottom of page 75 and this is one which, if we do not take time now, I am sure many of you will want to look into it in some depth. This involves special education. Included here is \$525,308 for additional transportation of handicapped people if they need to have special transportation to programs within their district that attend this unit other than the one that they would normally go to or if they need to be transported to other school districts for the services involved. The main one here, however, is the deficit required for LB 403. The agency in this case originally had a request of \$1,495,000 plus for the deficiency for the coming year. There has been some question at one time whether or not federal funds would be available which is another \$1,570,000. Subsequently, those federal funds appear to be available and the \$1,195,000, correction, \$1,495,000 is all that would have been required for the state to meet its 90% of the excess cost to each school district for the coming year. Tied in with this, however, is that additional federal funds are apparently going to become available next year and the following year in substantial amounts. This year, as I indicated, about a \$1,500,000. Next year, it is anticipated to be something in excess of \$4 million and the following year in excess of \$6 million. One of the requirements, however, is that there is a maintenance of effort on the part of the state in order to qualify for these federal funds for special education. In the course of discussing this problem, it appears to be unclear at this time what will constitute a